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DECLARATION

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

ALAN G. BARBOUR and CATHERINE J. LUKE declare and say  
that:

1. We are the named inventors on the above-captioned  
patent application; and, Alan G. Barbour is a named inventor on  
U.S. application Serial No. 08/375,993, now U.S. Patent No.  
5,688,512 ("the 512 patent"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,523,089 ("the

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'089 patent"), which we are advised and therefore believe are employed in rejections of this application.

2. We state unequivocally that we conceived and invented the subject matter disclosed in the '089 patent and the '512 patent relied upon in the rejections in the present application based upon those patents. Accordingly, we are also advised and therefore believe that the inventive entity of those patents should not be considered "another" as to the inventive entity of the present application. We are also advised and therefore believe that subject matter disclosed in those patents common to the present application should not be considered prior art with respect to the present application. We do note that the foregoing is without prejudice to asserting patentable distinctness from those patents, or any equivalent thereto, either in the present application or in any equivalent thereto.

3. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of rejections based on the '089 patent and the '512 patent are respectfully requested.

4. We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the \*United States Code and that such willful, false statements may

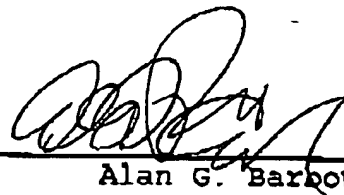
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jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date:

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Signed:



Alan G. Barbour

Date:

Signed:

Catherine J. Luke